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SELECTMEN

Scott Sanborn '08 * Charles Sova'09 * William Fulton'07

MODERATOR TOWN CLERK TREASURER

Daniel Hazelton'08 Patricia White Linda Giner

TAX

DEEDING

ROAD

COLLECTOR

AGENT

AGENT

Sharon Proulx

Sharon Proulx

George White

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Charles Sova

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE Selectmen

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Edith Sova' 08 * Louis Shelzi'09 * Alice Smith 07

CEMETERY

HEALTH

POLICE

AGENT

OFFICER

CHIEF

Edwin Saulen

Donald Pfaefflin

Andrew Ware

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Proulx, Chairman * Robert Ells, Vice Chairman

Steven Hennig * Patricia Mercer * Katherine Riley * Lyell Smith

William Fulton , Selectmens' Representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin, Chairman * Judith Connelly * Beverly Ells

Richard Jaeger * Charles Sova, Selectmen's Representative

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Smith 12 * Beverly Ells 10 * Patricia Mercer 08

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Patricia Mercer' 09 * Anita Watson' 07

FOREST FIRE WARDEN Brent Stevens

DEPUTY WARDENS Franklyn Conrad, James McAlister

AUDITORS Bruce Ells, Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Proulx'08 * Tim Connelly'09 * Lyell Smith'07

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Katherine Riley * David Stacy * Rosemary Haness *
Dorothy Heinrichs * Jay Heinrichs * Scott Lurgio *
Scott Sanborn, Selectmen Representative

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ORANGE
TOWN WARRANT**

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 13th day of March 2007, at eleven o'clock a.m. to act upon the following subjects. The polls will open for the election of Town Officers at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED that the meeting will be adjourned to seven o'clock on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 2007, immediately following the closing of the polls.

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Town Clerk for one year, 1 Town Treasurer for one year, 1 Cemetery Agent for one year, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent for one year, 1 Tax Collector for one year, 1 Health Officer for one year, 1 Deeding Agent for one year, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and any other officers required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (By official ballot) To see if the town will amend the Orange Zoning Ordinance to include the amendment as proposed by the Planning Board. This article will be voted on by official ballot which will contain the following questions:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

The Planning Board’s amendment adds a new ARTICLE XIV. STEEP SLOPES CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X.

Topical description: This amendment is designed to preserve and protect the community’s steep slope areas by preventing soil erosion, by protecting surface waters, tree and vegetation cover, wildlife habitat, and natural areas, by preserving scenic views, and by maintaining an ecological balance.

ARTICLE 3: (By official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to elect the Planning Board members according to the procedure set forth in RSA 673:2, II(b)(1) beginning with the 2008 Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 4: (By official ballot) Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business?

The following articles will be discussed and acted upon at the adjourned business meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$29,416.26 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 15.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE).

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the well being of the people of Orange.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Orange encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce admissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to the declared candidates for those offices.
(BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 13: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25-a to account for revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund? Any surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund shall not be part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity at an annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the land use change tax fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any unappropriated balance of the land use change tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year."

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)
(TO BE VOTED ON BY BALLOT)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, III-a for the purpose of future purchases of interests in real estate including conservation easements; and further, to appropriate the sum of \$7,884 to be placed in this fund; and further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend the fund, provided, however that the Selectmen shall make expenditures from the fund only in the event that they, in their judgment, determine that it is in the interest of the Town to purchase an interest in a particular parcel or parcels of real estate, and that the opportunity to make such a purchase is likely to be lost if the time is taken to bring the matter before the voters at a town meeting.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,145 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 16: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

ARTICLE 18: Polls shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN.

William R. Fulton

Scott Sanborn

Charles E. Sova

**ORANGE TOWN BUDGET
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION**

	Approp 2006	Expend 2006	Approp 2007
General Government			
Officers Salaries	\$12,000	\$10,805	\$11,620
Elections & Registration	1,800	1,379	800
Property Reappraisal	5,000	2,295	5,000
Legal Expenses	5,000	2,714	5,000
FICA Payments	3,000	2,277	3,000
Planning and Zoning	3,850	2,875	1,000
General Gov't Blding.	6,000	5,996	6,000
Cemeteries	2,400	1,047	2,400
Insurance	4,500	4,990	5,000
Membership	900	877	900
Officers Expenses	3,000	2,896	4,600
Public Safety			
Police Department	16,000	13,536	16,000
FAST Squad (Canaan)	3,600	3,500	3,600
Fire Department	15,000	9,791	11,000
Building Inspection	3,000	2,644	1,600
Emergency Mgmt. E911	100	00	100
Highway & Streets			
Highway	95,000	81,747	95,000
Sanitation			
Garbage Removal	24,000	20,280	24,000
Health			
Grafton County Senior Citizens & Mascoma Home Health	3,275	3,014	3,275
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	1,500	00	1,500

	Approp 2006	Expend 2006	Approp 2007
Library	8,000	8,000	4,000
Culture and Recreation	350	00	350
Conservation			
Timber Harvest Monitor	400	00	400
Conservation Commission	500	347	500
Capital Outlay			
Town House	<u>7,500</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Subtotals	225,675	190,131	211,145
Special Warrant Articles			
Reappraisal Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
Town House Fund	8,000	8,000	2,000
Highway Equip. Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
Document Pres. Fund	00	00.	2,000
Town Roads Imp. Fund	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotals			\$19,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimate 2006	Actual 2006	Estimate 2007
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	1,500	7,844.	5,000
Yield taxes	4,000	7,403.74	5,000
Int. & Pen. on			
Delinquent taxes	2,000.00	3,934.24	2,000
Inventory Penalties	100.00	280.00	200
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Motor vehicle			
permit fees	46,000	53,530.75	48,000
Building Permits	100	295.	100

Other licenses, permits & fees	650	693.50	650
From Federal Government	0	17,576.26	0
From State			
Shared Revenue	2,800	2,802	2,800
Rooms & Meals			
Tax Dist.	10,000.	12,036.70	11,000
Highway Block			
Grant	28,684.38	28,684.38	23,111.94
State & Fed. Forest			
Land Reimb	7,000	6,121.52	6,000.
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	00	0	0
Interest on			
investments	300	735.02	400
Other (Municipal Fees)	600	790	700
Total Estimated			
Revenue & Credits	\$103,734.38	\$144,264.69	\$104,961.94

SUMMARY OF VALUATION
As of December 31, 2006

Land	10,424,689
Buildings-Residential	17,366,858
Public Utilities	<u>384,238</u>
	\$28,175,785

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR 2006

Starting Cash 1/1/2006 **\$279,562.97**

RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN:

Licenses/permits/fees

Refunds/ Rebates	1,302.00
Timber Bond	1,000.00
Town House Rental	150.00
Building Permits	315.00
Current Use Application	16.39
Pistol Permits	90.00
Misc. Income	68.39

TOTAL FROM SELECTMEN: **\$ 2,942.58**

RECEIPTS FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Highway Block Grant	\$28,684.38
Rooms & Meals Reimbursement	12,036.70
Forest & Land Reimbursement	6,121.52
FEMA Funds	16,897.37
Shared Revenue	2,802.00
Reproduction of Town Documents	4,828.00
Safety Administration Allowance	675.00

TOTAL FROM STATE: **\$72,045.86**

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK:

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$53,530.75
Motor Vehicle Titles	108.00

Municipal Fees	790.00
Dog Licenses Issued	378.50
Dog License Late Fees	2.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Returned Check Fee	85.00
TOTAL FROM TOWN CLERK	\$54,904.25

RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

2006 Property Tax	\$498,782.87
2005 Property Tax	32,066.04
2005 Property Tax Interest	1,888.24
Costs	296.25
Deed Fee	1.00
Current Use Change Tax	7,844.00
Current Use Costs	16.39
2006 Yield Tax	7,398.31
Property Tax Overpay	14.43
2003 Redeemed Tax Liens	4,047.05
2003 Interest & Costs	1,456.50
2004 Redeemed Tax Liens	733.33
2004 Interest & Costs	293.25
2005 Redeemed Tax Lien	107.01
TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR:	\$554,944.67

Receipts from Bank: Mascoma Savings Bank

Funds Borrowed/ Tax Anticipation Note	164,700.00
Interest Money Market Account	735.02

Totals From Bank	\$165,435.02
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GRAND TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS	\$850,272.38
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FUNDS DISBURSED:

Vouchers paid per order of Selectmen	\$689,690.65
Principal owed Tax Anticipation Note	164,700.00
Interest Tax anticipation Note	1,163.91

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$855,554.56
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CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2006	\$165,863.91
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

LINDA J. GINER, TREASURER

TOWN OF ORANGE

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes-	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Beg. of Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 32,277.36		0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00		0.00
Yield Tax	0.00		0.00

**Taxes Committed-
This Year:**

Property Taxes	\$578,776.50	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	7,844.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	7,403.74	0.00	0.00
CU Costs/ Deed Fee	16.39	1.00	0.00

Overpayment:	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Property Taxes	0.00	14.43	0.00
Costs	00.0	296.25	0.00
Interest-Late Tax	00.0	1,888.24	0.00

TOTAL DEBITS	\$594,040.63	\$34,477.28	\$00.00
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CREDITS:

Remitted to Treasurer	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Property Taxes	490,782.87	32,066.04	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Tax	7,844.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	7,398.31	0.00	0.00
Interest -	0.00	1,888.24	0.00
Penalties – Current Use Costs	16.39	296.25	0.00
Deed Fee / Overpayment	0.00	15.43	0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$14,700.54	0.00	

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deeded to Municipality	0.00	211.32	0.00

Uncollected Taxes-End of Year

Property Taxes	65,293.09	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	5.43		

TOTAL CREDITS	\$594,040.63	\$34,477.28	\$0.00
DEBITS:			
Levies of:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	0.00	3,847.18	4,489.26
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	6,803.20	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	0.00	293.25	1,456.50
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,803.20	\$4,140.43	\$5,945.76
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Redemptions	\$107.01	733.33	4,047.05
Interest & Costs Collected	0.00	293.25	1,456.50
Liens Deeded To Municipality		392.21	442.21
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	6,696.19	2,721.64	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,803.20	\$4,140.43	\$5,945.76

Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector
Town of Orange

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS Ending December 31, 2006

<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
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Fund

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT Account #68015516

\$12,619.90	-----\$5,00.00	-----\$638.79	-----\$18,258.69
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Created: 4/19/01--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-3/25/06=2.71% APY: 2.75%

3/25/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Maturity Date: 1/25/07

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT Account #68059994

\$5,085.91	-----	\$176.91	-----\$5,262.82
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Created 3/31/05--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1/1/06-5/31/06=2.47% APY: 2.50%

5/31/06-10/31/06=4.25% APY: 4.50%

10/31/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Maturity Date: 3/31/07

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT Account #70032503

-----	\$5,000.00	-----\$141.06	-----\$5,141.06
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Created 4/03/06--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 4/03/06-9/03/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

9/03/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Maturity Date: 2/03/07

REVALUATION Account #68015515

\$11,535.89	-----	\$396.17	-----\$11,932.06
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Created 4/19/01--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-10/14/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

10/14/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Maturity Date: 3/14/07

REVALUATION Account #70032545

-----\$5,000.00--\$149.76-----\$5,149.76

Created 4/03/06--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 4/03/06-9/03/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

9/03/06-12/31/06=4.88% APY: 5.00%

Date: Maturity 10/03/07

TOWNHOUSE Account #68012181

\$12,929.46-----\$353.48-----\$13,282.94

Created 5/22/00--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-5/14/06=2.47% APY: 2.50%

5/14/06-7/28/06=.99%

(Because of possible work on Townhouse)

8/06/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Maturity Date: 1/06/07

TOWNHOUSE Account #70032578

-----\$8,000.00--\$151.28-----\$8,151.28

Created 4/03/06--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 4/03/06-8/07/06=.99%

(Because of possible work on Townhouse)

8/07/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Maturity Date: 1/07/07

Warrant Article #9, March 14, 2006(New Funds \$8,000.00)

TOWN DOCUMENT PRESERVATION Account #68021143

\$5,161.11-----\$53.36--\$5214.47-----\$00.00

Issued check to Town Treasurer per Voucher # 2006-01 for \$4828.00 for work done

Opened new Statement Savings with the balance of \$386.47,

Account #5791272 Created 3/27/03--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-6/08/06=2.47% APY: 2.50%

Closed Certificate on 6/08/06

TOWN DOCUMENT PRESERVATION Account #5791272 Statement Savings

~~-----\$386.47---\$.79-----\$387.26~~

Created 6/08/06--Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 6/08/06-12/31/06=0.399% (Need deposit of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for Certificate to earn higher rate of interest.)

Report Submitted by Trustees of Trust Funds

Alice Smith, Edith Sova, & Louis Shelzi

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS FOR 2006 OF THE TOWN OF
ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

PRINCIPAL BALANCES

Date Created	FUND	Balance 1/01/06	12/31/06
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	100.00	100.00
3/27/34	Clara A Huse	100.00	100.00
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Adoniram Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	100.00	100.00
TOTALS		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00

INCOME

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-2/02/06=2.71% APY: 2.75%

2/02/06-12/31/06=3.92% APY: 4.00%

Date Created	Fund	Balance 1/01/06
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Interest 2006

8/23/15	Hannah M. French	752.76	37.85
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1058.71	37.90
3/28/33	Arthur A Briggs	348.37	19.29
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	311.15	19.29

8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	323.37	19.29
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	905.95	47.88
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1064.23	47.88
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Adoniram Ford	1092.57	47.88
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	1151.42	47.88
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	321.46	19.29
TOTALS		\$7,329.99	\$344.47

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS FOR 2006 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Date Created	FUND	PRINCIPAL & INCOME BALANCE	
<u>12/31/06</u>			
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	\$ 790.65	990.65
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1,096.61	1296.61
3/28/33	Arthur A Briggs	367.66	467.66
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	330.44	430.44
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	342.66	442.66
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	953.83	1203.83
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1112.11	1362.11
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Adoniram Ford	1140.45	1390.45
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	1199.30	1449.30
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	340.75	440.75
TOTALS		\$7,674.46	\$9,474.46

Cemetery Trust Funds held in Common Trust Account

Mascoma Savings Bank, Account #386005459

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-02/02/06=2.71% APY: 2.75%

2/02/06-12/31/06=3.92% APY: 4.00%

Certificate Matures: 3/02/07

Balance on 12/31/06 was \$9,474.46

**ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND
TOWN OF ORANGE CEMETERY TRUST**

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/06</u>
12/26/02	\$11,067.55	\$320.51	\$11,388.06

Cemetery Trust Funds held in Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68020124

Interest Rate: 1/01/06-9/23/06=2.47% APY: 2.50%

9/23/06-12/31/06=4.16% APY: 4.25%

Certificate Matures: 2/23/07 Only .95% of interest may be expended

Balance on 12/31/06 was \$11,388.06

Report Submitted by Trustees of Trust Funds

Alice Smith, Edith Sova, & Louis Shelzi

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2006**

452 Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$53,530.75
54 Titles	108.00
Municipal Fees	790.00
59 Dog Permits	378.50
Dog Penalties	2.00
Bank Penalties	85.00
Filing Fees	10.00

Total deposits	\$54,904.25
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VITAL STATISTICS 2006

BIRTHS

Christian Philip Cotting January 23, 2006

Born to: Maria Luisa and Steven Cotting

Zoe Meridith Barrett February 18, 2006

Born to: Andrea Barrett and Scott Lurgio

Sedona Starr Guaraldi May 26, 2006

Born to: Barbara Ells and Matthew Guaraldi

Hannah Leigh Conrad

October 22, 2006

Born to: Brandi and Franklyn Conrad

DEATHS

Anne Truell

August 31, 2006

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectmen of Orange, New Hampshire
Year Ending December 31, 2006

We extend our thanks once again to the Town Officials for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the 2006 audit. Their time and effort is most appreciated. Recommendations that resulted from the 2005 audit were implemented in 2006 as suggested. We have no further requests at this time..

All of the Town's accounts balanced, and no adjustments were required as a result of this years audit. In our opinion, the Officer's reports accurately reflect the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine A. Ells
Auditor, Town of Orange

Bruce E. Ells
Auditor, Town of Orange

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 2006

Town Hall & Land	244,800.00
Other Town Properties	
Land	99,760.00

Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Library - Books and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Highway Department	41,000.00
Cemetery Department	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	401,060.00

Number of Inventories Distributed 2006	281
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Tax Rate Per \$1,000.00	
Municipal	\$3.06
County	\$1.11
School	\$14.76
State Property	<u>\$2.26</u>
TOTAL	\$21.19

DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS

TOWN OFFICER SALARIES

Pat White	\$1,938.00
Alice Clough	\$330.00
Sharon Proulx	\$1,522.00
Charles Sova	\$1,500.00
William Fulton	\$1,500.00
Scott Sanborn	\$1,500.00
Linda Giner	\$1,000.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$75.00
Edith Sova	\$100.00
Louis Shelzi	\$100.00
Alice Smith	\$100.00
Gary Hamel	\$600.00

Catherine Ells	\$120.00
Bruce Ells	\$120.00
Tim Connelly	\$100.00
Robert Proulx	\$100.00
Lyell Smith	\$100.00
Total	\$10,805.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Rosemary Haness	\$83.77
NH Assn. Cons. Comm.	\$258.00
Kip Riley	\$4.83
Total	\$346.60

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Donald Pfaefflin	\$2,644.32
Total	\$2,644.32

FIRE PROTECTION

Town of Canaan	\$9,791.38
Total	\$9,791.38

TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES

Joel Dupuis, Register	\$91.34
The Cardigan	\$150.50
Valley News	\$171.59
USPS	\$409.05
Robert Proulx	\$72.65
McBee Systems, Inc.	\$153.98
Pat White	\$482.22
Endor	\$200.00
Charles Sova	\$351.75
CPI	\$118.43
IDS	\$86.26
NH Town Clerks' Assn.	\$20.00
NH Employment Scty.	\$25.00
NH Treasurer	\$195.00

Branham Publishing	\$12.90
Sharon Proulx	\$177.50
Health Officers Assn.	\$55.00
NH Tax Collectors	\$20.00
Carol Elliott	\$25.00
Price Digests	\$57.97
NH City&Town Clerks	\$20.00
Total	\$2,896.14

PLANNING AND ZONING

Valley News	\$114.53
UVLSRPC	\$2,075.00
Gnomon Copy	\$135.45
Robert Proulx	\$542.49
Kip Riley	\$7.97
Total	\$2,875.44

TOWN HOUSE IMPROVMENTS

HP Roofing	\$9,120.00
Total	\$9,120.00

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Suburban Propane	\$670.45
Verizon	\$538.58
NHEC	\$1,077.07
Young's Propane	\$2,455.28
Marilyn Johnson	\$9.75
William Fulton	\$194.99
Omega Engineers	\$1,050.00
Total	\$5,996.12

MEMBERSHIP

NHMA	\$548.12
UVLSRPC	\$328.90
Total	\$877.02

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Andrew Ware	\$13,536.26
Total	\$13,536.26

HIGHWAYS - SUMMER

Cote&Remey	\$414.50
George White	\$3,573.00
Evans Motor Fuels	\$791.06
Pike Industries	\$270.95
Twin State Gravel	\$509.26
Richard Remacle	\$28,892.20
Canaan Hardware	\$69.81
Michael Joyce	\$1,400.00
Flanders&Patch	\$381.92
Fox Tree & landscape	\$960.00
Razor Hill Excavation	\$9,485.00
Town of Grafton	\$715.00
Bill Bucklin	\$260.00
Interstate Tire	\$1,073.34
Total	\$48,796.04

HIGHWAYS - WINTER

Canaan Hardware	\$76.49
Evans Motor Fuels	\$241.00
Twin State Sd&Grvl	\$3,450.53
George White	\$1,828.00
Richard Remacle	\$23,611.40
Pike Industries, Inc.	\$1,644.97
Flanders&Patch	\$525.69
Joe's Equipment	\$380.15
Town Line Equipment	\$658.08
Hawkensen Equipment	\$535.00
Total	\$32,951.31

CEMETERY

E. G. Saulen	\$1,046.70
Total	\$1,046.70

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE

The Cardigan	\$78.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$225.00
Patricia White	\$150.00
Barbara Smith	\$175.66
Beverly Ells	\$150.00
Gary Hamel	\$100.00
Edith Sova	\$50.00
Scott Sanborn	\$50.00
Charles Sova	\$50.00
Pat Mercer	\$100.00
Marilyn Johnson	\$50.00
Alice Smith	\$50.00
William Fulton	\$100.00
Alice Smith	\$50.00
Total	\$1,378.66

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin	\$768.86
West Central Behavior	\$315.00
Senior Citizens Council	\$400.00
MVHI	\$300.00
Visiting Nurse	\$1,200.00
Health Officers Assn.	\$30.00
Total	\$3,013.86

INSURANCE & SOCIAL SECURITY

LGC-PLT	\$3,337.33
Primex	\$1,653.03
IRS	\$2,276.68
Total	\$7,267.04

LEGAL

Gardner,Fulton,Waugh	\$2,000.00
Albert Cirone Jr.	\$714.39
Total	\$2,714.39

SANITATION

NE Waste Services	\$18,930.39
Plymouth Vill.Wtr&Swr	\$100.00
Town of Canaan	\$1,250.00
Total	\$20,280.39

AMBULANCE

Canaan FAST Squad	\$3,500.00
Total	\$3,500.00

REAPPRAISSAL OF PROPERTY

Cmerfrd,Ndr,Prkns	\$1,248.00
Manatron	\$66.67
Scott Sanborn	\$980.00
Total	\$2,294.67

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

MVRSD	\$431,611.99
Grafton County	<u>\$30,969.00</u>
	\$462,580.99

NEW HAMPSHIRE TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT

Grant	\$12,000.00
Balance Carried Over	\$4,697.50
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance Carried Over	\$4,697.50

The balance carried over may be used to update the computerized tax maps and acquire any needed computer hardware or software to access the files.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had another active and productive year working on the top priority goals and recommendations to implement the new Orange Master Plan. This report will highlight what has been accomplished over the past twelve months.

The three amendments to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, designed to protect and preserve the wetlands, the aquifers, and the shore land around ponds and lakes and along brooks and streams, were approved by voters by two-to-one majorities on the 2006 Town Meeting ballot.

Members of the Planning Board also initiated petitioned articles for the 2006 Town Meeting warrant. The first article was to establish a Conservation Commission to promote the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and the protection of the watershed resources of Orange. This article was approved by the voters. The second article was to designate the 1.4 mile undeveloped portion of Burnt Hill Road as a scenic road for the purposes of enhancing the scenic beauty of Orange. This article was also approved by the voters. The third article was to establish a conservation fund with revenue collected from the land use change tax. The voters decided to defer this matter for further study. A revised version of this article will appear on this year's Town Meeting warrant.

Over the years, many citizens of Orange had hoped that the Town could acquire more land around the Town House, since it was situated on a very small lot only 0.27 acre in size. Last January, the Planning Board sent a proposal to the Terhune family which had recently purchased the land adjacent to the Town House. The proposal outlined the recommendation from the master plan to acquire more land to establish an undeveloped natural woodland buffer around the Town House to protect and preserve its scenic

and historic setting in a permanent manner. The Terhune family responded with a very generous offer to donate two acres of their land for that purpose. The warrant article to accept the gift of the two acres of land was approved by the voters. The members of the Planning Board, on behalf of all the citizens of Orange, extend their deep appreciation to the Terhune family for their thoughtful and generous gift of land. The Planning Board also extends its appreciation to Scott Sanborn who donated his services to complete the survey and the annexation plan for the transfer of the land to the Town.

For the past year, the Board has been researching, developing, revising and fine-tuning an amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance to protect and preserve the steep slope areas in the community. The proposed amendment to establish a Steep Slopes Conservation Overlay District was taken to two public hearings in December and January. The basic purposes of this amendment will be to prevent soil erosion, to protect surface waters, tree and vegetative cover and wildlife habitat, to preserve scenic views, and to maintain an ecological balance. It will appear on a written ballot on Town Meeting Day. The Planning Board encourages voters to support this amendment by voting yes.

This past year, two valuable members of the Planning Board stepped down after several years of service. Scott Sanborn first joined the Board in January, 2000, serving as a citizen member and then as a Selectmen's Representative. Scott brought his years of experience and expertise as a professional licensed surveyor to the Board. George Smith, appointed to the Board in June, 2000, also brought a wealth of experience and expertise to the Planning Board. Both Scott and George were loyal and dedicated members, contributing their sound judgment, their common sense, and their fair-mindedness to all our deliberations. They always supported what was in the best interest of our entire community. The Board

of Selectmen have appointed Patricia Mercer and Steven Hennig as the new members of the Planning Board.

Again, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board for their dedication and commitment to our community. And we again thank the citizens of Orange for your interest and support, and invite you to continue to help us promote our community's vision for the future as stated in the Master Plan:

“Over the next ten years, Orange should remain a rural residential community with a small town atmosphere, protecting its natural and historic resources, preserving its scenic beauty and rural character, sustaining its uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and maintaining those special qualities that make Orange a desirable place to live.”

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Proulx, Chairman

ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

In March of 2006 the Town of Orange voted to establish a Conservation Commission. There are seven active members and two alternates.

In our first year we have written a brochure explaining the functions of a Conservation Committee and the NHRsAs that guide us. The brochure is available at the Town House.

We have established subcommittees to study specific conservation issues.

Our Natural Resource Inventory (NRI), the purpose of which is to “keep an index of all open space and natural , aesthetic or ecological areas,” continues to be updated by the Orange Conservation Committee.

We have adopted bylaws and will adapt them as we grow.

The Orange Conservation Commission invited two members of the Forest Society, to speak about their Ouabbin to Cardigan project. An eventual greenway from Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts to Mount Cardigan will be preserved if at all possible. The Orange Conservation Commission may be able to provide assistance to the long term goal.

This year the Orange Conservation Commission is presenting two warrant articles to the Town. We propose that the land use penalty tax (money paid to the town when a land owner takes his/her land out of current use) be put into a conservation fund/ Capital Reserve Fund. Monies from that fund could not be spent without the town's approval. The fund could support improvements of the Town House, archival restoration, and care of town owned properties.

At the end of this year, \$145.88 remained out of the \$500.00 dollars allotted to the Conservation Commission. Expenses were for an educational brochure, printing, stationary and postage. In addition to joining the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, all members have received a copy of the handbook for NH Municipal Conservation Commissions.

In the next year we will be exploring the legal and technical aspects of establishing a Conservation Fund whereby private individuals can donate money, land and conservation easements to the town. In 2007 there are significant tax incentives for donating conservation easements on land. Further information is available from the Forest Society at 224-9945.

We continue to enjoy serving the town's conservation needs.
Respectfully submitted:

Kip Riley – Chair, Dave Stacy – Vice Chair

Rosemary Haness – Secretary/Treasurer

Dorothy Heinrichs, Jay Heinrichs, Scott Lurgio,

Scott Sanborn – Selectmen Representative

1st alternate – Sal Guagino

2nd alternate – Ed Saulen

ROAD AGENT REPORT 2006

I would like to thank the residents for picking up tree limbs and branches in the travel way this past year.

I also want to thank Richard Remacle and his men for their continued good work on snow removal and care of our roads.

Andy Ware, Chief of Police, did a fine job getting information and completing the necessary paperwork that enabled the town to receive a good amount of money from FEMA for damage caused by heavy spring rains.

The weather conditions were unfavorable to getting much work done on the road ways this year. There was a shortage of material and equipment breakdown which added to the problems.

The Town of Grafton came to our aid and helped by grading part of Burnt Hill Road, River Road and Brock Hill Road. This was a great help to the Town and much appreciated by the residents.

We finally got a supply of gravel and hard pack from Richard Remacle and Bob Senter late in the fall. Weather conditions, at that time, were not stable enough to do a good job of laying and compacting material. We do have a stock pile to be put down in the spring of 2007.

Just a note, several of the paved roads will need resurfacing, or other, in the near future.

It has been my pleasure to be of assistance to the Town.

Respectfully Submitted

George White, Road Agent

TOWN OF ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

In 1993, a scholarship fund was started to honor Mary Rickson, a long time resident of Orange. We offer a scholarship to every graduating senior from the Town of Orange who plans to further his/her education. The interested senior is asked to write a short essay about our town – past, present or future – and to serve

five hours of community service. We have awarded 12 scholarships thus far.

To raise money for scholarships, we held the 7th annual dinner before the Town Meeting in March. It was an Asian dinner and greatly enjoyed by all. During Canaan Old Home Days, the Orange Town Mercardo, Farmers' Market, and Primary Election, money was raised for the scholarship fund by selling jars of cookie and soup mixes.

Our activities are growing and becoming more diverse and interesting. We are open to new ideas, participants, and donations as always. To reflect the increase in our high school senior enrollment, we would like to encourage more participation in the committee's work. We greatly encourage material and monetary donations. We currently have \$3728.66.

As we begin our 14th year, we would like to thank the residents of the Town of Orange for rallying behind us and making these scholarships possible. Thank you to all who helped in any capacity. We could not have done this without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hamel, Rosemary Haness, Marilyn Johnson, Barb Smith,
Anita Watson

Town of Orange Scholarship Committee

December 31, 2006

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1995 – Kimo Johnson

1996 – Lauren Ludwig

1997 – Laura Desrochers

1999 – Darcy Decato, Kristin Eastman

2000 – Ben Stacy

2002 – Tony Campe, Heidi Burns

2003 – Ryan Morancy

2004 – James Cross, Josh Watson

2005 - *

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2006

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L;17) A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves

and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2006 FIRE STATISTICS
(all fires reported thru November 08, 2006)

COUNTY	ACRES	# OR FIRES
Belknap	39	76
Carroll	27	44
Cheshire	42	38
Coos	104	30
Grafton	53	24
Hillsborough	75	114
Merrimack	40	91
Rockingham	74	49
Strafford	10	26
Sullivan	8	8

TOTAL	FIRES	ACRES
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2006

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's

programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2006, 10 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

- * Older adults from Orange enjoyed 287 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- * 258 hot, nutritious home delivered meals were brought to an Orange resident by a caring volunteer.
- * Orange residents received assistance, including MedicareD Assistance and help with problems or issues of long-term care through 13 visits by a trained social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- * Orange's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 562 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2006 was \$3,575

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orange's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

We have as usual, (and as we like it) had a fairly quiet year in the Selectmen's office.

We are in the final stages of completing the acquisition of two acres surrounding the Town House Lot which the Terhune Family Trust has most kindly donated to the Town. Thanks to Robert Proulx for approaching the Terhunes, and for spearheading the effort to add this protective buffer to the Town House lot.

Thanks also to our Road Agent George White, who has continued to work with a minimal budget and, with the assistance of Richard Remacle Construction, do a great job of keeping our roads well maintained. He also, with the help of Police Chief Andy Ware worked with FEMA to obtain additional funding for the town to repair damage from the copious rains we had last spring and early summer.

We have made progress in our efforts to preserve our ancient town records. The three oldest ledgers (the oldest dating back to the 1790's) have been cleaned, and the pages laminated and rebound by Brown's River Record Preservation Services of Brown's River, VT. Our next push will be for a fireproof cabinet in which to catalog and store our old records. We are also still exploring sources of grant money to assist with our efforts.

I'm sure most of you noted that there was a significant increase in the school portion of your tax bill last year. This was due primarily to an increase in the number of students from Orange attending district schools. Because we have such a small number of students, a difference of even a few children results in a significant percentage of change in the amount we are required to contribute. The Board of Selectmen will be reviewing the numbers for the coming year as always, to ensure we are being charged for the correct number of students.

In an effort to streamline our record-keeping, we have, this year, installed new assessment software for maintenance of property valuation data. While this will cost around \$800.00 annually to maintain licensure and keep the program updated, it will make it much easier for us to keep track of property data and values, track assessment changes, and obtain the information needed for our annual reports to the NH Dept. of Revenue and Administration. We again have a contract with Commerford, Neider & Perkins, LLC to perform our "pick-ups"(assessment updates/revisions) for the coming year. While this is never a perfect process, we feel it is important to maintain consistency by using the same firm year to year. The goal is to maintain a fair distribution of our tax burden, and we ask our residents' and non-residents' cooperation with these folks as they go about their business.

The Board again wishes to convey its utmost gratitude to Pat White for her invaluable assistance to us and her service to the Town in many capacities.

As always, the Board welcomes input from our residents We are here to serve each and every one of you in the best interest of our fine community. May all of you have a healthy and prosperous 2007.

Respectfully submitted

Scott C. Sanborn
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

**Town of Orange, Town Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2006**

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm by Daniel Hazelton, Danny read:

Article 1: Election of Officers. Charlie Sova made a motion to dispense with the reading of the complete article. **Motion passed**

Article 2: To see if the town will amend the Orange Zoning Ordinance to include the three amendments as proposed by the Planning Board. This article will be voted on by official ballot which will contain the following questions:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

XI. SHORE LAND OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X.

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 2 adds a new ARTICLE XII. WETLANDS CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X.

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 3 adds a new ARTICLE XIII. AQUIFER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X..

The above article will be voted on by official ballot.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

Moved by Charlie Sova and 2nd by Dick Jeager

Article amended by Sharon Proulx to strike the words “except Resident Tax”. The town no longer has a resident tax.

Amendment passed

Article Passed

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

Moved by Scott Sanborn, 2nd by Don Pfaefflin

No discussion

Article passed

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

Moved by Pat White, 2nd by Nate Harpootlian

No discussion

Article passed

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise the Veteran’s Tax Credit from \$100 to \$200 as provided in RSA 72:28 II, effective in tax year 2006.

Moved by Barbara Smith, 2nd by Pat Mercer

Discussion: James Collins asked why this was not recommended by the Budget Committee? Bob Proulx said that it was not an article when the Budget Committee met but as a member of the committee he recommended approval.

Article passed.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$29,416.26 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 15.

Moved by Scott Sanborn 2nd by Bob Ells

Discussion: Barbara Smith asked what the relationship of article 7 is to article 15?

Charlie Sova said that article 15 was the total budget

Bob Proulx said that the figure in the article is incorrect, the figure in the budget is correct.

Bob Proulx moved to amend the article to read \$28,684.38. Charlie Sova 2nd

Vote to amend the article to \$28,684.38: Passed

Vote for amended article: Passed

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund to be known as the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining Town roads and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Moved by Charlie Sova 2nd by Scott Sanborn

Discussion: Bob Proulx asked for an explanation of the need for this fund? Charlie Sova explained that the paving loan is now paid and this fund would be for any future large repairs that would be needed paving or otherwise.

Article passed

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

Moved by Charlie Sova, 2nd by Bob Proulx

Discussion: Dave Stacy wanted to propose the replacement of the roof as it is leaking now. If we insulated the roof it would collapse from the weight of the snow.

Danny said that we could not consider this because it is not within the parameters of the article

Bob Proulx gave praise to Dave Stacy for a job well done on repairing the supports under the floor. Now we need to expend money on fixing the roof. We now have \$13,000 (approximately) in the Reserve Fund this \$2,000 plus the \$4,500 appropriated in the budget brings us up to \$19,500. We have an estimate for \$25,000 for the roof we need an additional \$6,000 to get the job done.

Sharon Proulx spoke as the only remaining member of the Historical Committee we have received gifts of two antique sofas for the Library and they have been wet on occasion from the roof leaking. She feels that if we are going to preserve these and the books we need to do this now.

Charlie Sova moved to amend the figure from \$2,000 to \$8,000. 2nd by Beverly Ells

Discussion: Dick Jeager asked if this \$6,000 eats into the 10% of allowed increase mandated by the State? Charlie stated that it would not as it is being put into the Capital Reserve Fund.

George Smith asked how will a new roof with a change in the pitch from 3 to 4 , as planned, effect the Towns ability to have the Town House put into the Historical Register? Bob Proulx stated that he had met with two ladies in Concord regarding this they both stated that the roof could be changed if the decorative edge around the top is not destroyed. Barbara Smith asked” what type of roof is being considered? Dave Stacy plans to use architectural shingles. Barbara asked if we would benefit from a metal roof? Dave said no as the danger of falling snow would be a hazard.

Vote for the amendment to change the figure to \$8,000. passed
Vote for the amended article passed

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish the following wage schedule:

Annual Compensation	
Selectmen (3)	\$1,500
Treasurer	\$1,000
Town Clerk	\$ 900
Tax Collector	\$1,200
Moderator	\$75.00
Supervisor of the Checklist (3)	\$50.00
Budget Committee (3)	\$100.00
Auditor (2)	\$120.00
Trustee of Trust Fund (3)	\$100.00
Hourly Compensation	
Selectmen's Secretary	\$10.00
Road Agent	\$12.00
Police Chief	\$13.00
Cemetery Agent	\$9.00
Health Officer	\$9.00
Building Inspector	\$9.00
Election Officials per Election	
Moderator	\$75.00
Town Clerk	\$50.00
Supervisors of the Checklist (3)	\$50.00
Ballot Clerks (2)	\$50.00
Selectmen (3)	\$50.00

Fee Based Compensation (per transaction)

Town Clerk	
Dog Tags	\$0.50
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$2.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$1.00
Tax Collector	
Impending Tax Lien Notice	\$10.00

Impending Tax Lien List	\$ 2.00
Taxpayer Tax Lien Execution	\$10.00
Parcel Tax Lien Execution	\$ 2.00
Deed of Redemption Notice	\$ 2.00
Impending Tax Deed Notice	\$10.00
Mortgage Tax Deed Notice	\$10.00

Moved by Charlie Sova, 2nd James Collins

Discussion: Dorothy Heinrich asked if this was a change from last year? Charlie said not really it was just an attempt to equalize pay. Last year some were left out.

Kathy Stacy asked if the \$600.00 for Recreation Director was included? Charlie said no but it should be.

Charlie amended the article to include the Recreation Director at \$600.00 annual compensation. Pat Mercer 2nd.

Discussion: Kathy Stacy asked if this was for a department or pay for services? Charlie Sova said it was pay for services.

Vote on the **amendment** to include the Recreation Director position at \$600.00 for annual compensation. **Passed**

Vote on the amended article: **passed**

Article 11: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25, II, to place all future revenue collected from the land use change tax in a conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5,III? The revenues shall be deposited in the conservation fund at the time of collection.

Charlie Sova moved to pass over article 11 until article 12 is considered. 2nd. agreed

Article 12: Pursuant to a petition of 10 or more legal voters, to see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission, consisting of 5 members and 1 alternate to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as authorized by RSA 36-A:2. The purpose of the commission will be to promote the proper utilization and

protection of the natural resources and for the protection of the watershed resources of Orange.

Moved by Charlie Sova, 2nd by Dorothy Heinrichs

Charlie Sova proposed an amendment to the article- to see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A and establish a Conservation Commission, consisting of 7 members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as authorized by RSA 36-A:3 Charlie stated that RSA36 says that the Town must adopt the RSA first. Charlie does not believe that the Town has done so. Also, the RSA makes no provision for a member of the Board of Selectmen to be a member of the Commission. It just says that a member of the Planning Board may be a member. He believes and encourages this Board of Selectmen, and any in the future, to have a member be a part of the Commission. With that in mind he increased the number of members so that there could be five members from the community to participate on the Commission.

Bob Proulx said “as the person who initiated this article I agreed with the increase of Commission members to 7.” Bob went on to explain what the Conservation Commission would accomplish;

As a result of our new Master Plan, the Planning Board established a subcommittee of citizens to develop a Natural Resource Inventory. Over the past year and a half, that committee has researched, developed and published the first draft of a Natural Resources Inventory for Orange.

What is a Conservation Commission?

A Conservation Commission is a municipal body created by a vote of Town Meeting to protect and ensure appropriate use of our natural and watershed resources.

What is the responsibilities of a Conservation Commission?

- To research and prepare a natural resources inventory
- To promote the conservation and wise use of our community’s natural resources.
- To coordinate community efforts on natural resource issues.

- To act as the official liaison with the NH Wetlands Board on development issues in town.
- To receive and manage gifts of land for conservation purposes with the approval of the voters at Town Meeting.

The Conservation Commission is not a regulatory or judicial body. They are instead, a research, educational and advisory body for the community.

Frank Giner asked if we have a commission now?

Bob Proulx said no, just an unofficial subcommittee of residents.

The Commission needs to be established by Town Meeting.

Vote to accept the amendment: to see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A and establish a Conservation Commission, consisting of 7 members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as authorized by RSA 36-A:3 . **passed.**

Vote the article as amended. **Passed**

Article 11: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A;25,II to place all future revenue collected from the land use change tax in a conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5,III? The revenues shall be deposited in the conservation fund at the time of collection.

Moved by Dorothy Heinrichs, 2nd by Don Pfaefflin.

Discussion: Kathy Stacy asked what the purpose of the money would be?

Bob Proulx explained what land use tax is:

The Land Use Change Tax is the official name for what many of us call the current use penalty tax. When property owners have their land in current use and then decide to develop it for a homesite, they are assessed a penalty of 10% of the assessed value of that first acre. With our new town-wide appraisal, the value of that first acre homesite is now assessed at \$25,000 which would require the landowner to pay a land use change tax of \$2,500.00.

Many cities and towns throughout New Hampshire place this revenue in a Conservation Fund rather than placing it in the general fund as Orange does now.

That revenue in the Conservation Fund accumulates over the years, and serves as seed money for matching grants, conservation easements, and possible future acquisition of important and sensitive conservation lands in our community. Many of our neighboring communities have established a Conservation Fund with this revenue.

In the last 8 years we have collected \$10,625.00. It is not big money but if something does come up to purchase sensitive land we would have seed money. It is just an option.

Nate Harpootlian ;You said \$2500, the new assessment is \$50,000 we would be collecting \$5,000 is that correct? Bob turned that question over to Charlie Sova to explain. Charlie said that developed land including a well and septic is valued at \$50,000. Undeveloped land is now assessed at \$25,000 we would be collecting \$2500.00 per acre.

Bob Stratton asked that the article state the use of the money in more detail .Danny asked if he wished to make an amendment? He is not sure if it is necessary.

Charlie is bothered by the accountability of the Conservation Commission. They can do what they want with this money without going to Town Meeting. All they need to do is have a public meeting. Frank Giner asks if the Selectmen choose the Committee members don't they have jurisdiction over the members? Charlie states no, once the committee has been appointed they can go forward with their duties without consulting the Selectmen.

Bob feels that they jumped into this article to soon he is not happy with the advise he received on writing the article.

Edith Sova feels the money should be put into the general fund..

Sharon Proulx proposed to amend the article to read as follows RSA 79A25II to place all future revenue from the land use change

to be placed in a Conservation Fund at the time of collection and any expenditures be voted on at Town Meeting. 2nd by Bruce Ells. Discussion: Nate Harpootlian asked if that meant that expenditure will not be done until Town Meeting? Sharon indicated that to be correct. Nate asked what happens in the mean time? Sharon feels that if it goes into the general fund and the end of the year comes the money is gone. If you have it in a fund it doesn't disappear. Dave Stratton feels that the commission should be able to spend money if need be. Pat Mercer asked if a special town meeting could be called for that purpose? Charlie doesn't think we can because you would be appropriating money out of a fund and would need to go to Superior Court to get permission for the meeting. .Not usually done unless it is an emergency.

Charlie said that RSA79A-25II states that any money not spent during the year is to be returned to the Town so, the money would end up in the general fund anyway. Sharon withdrew her amendment Bruce Ells 2nd withdrawal.

Bob Proulx wants to come back next year with a new clearly written article that the towns people will feel comfortable with.

Dick Jeager moved to table the article until next year. Don Pfaefflin said that the article should not be tabled as they want to change it for next year this would bring back the original article. Dick withdrew his move.

Vote the original article – **defeated**

8pm poles closed

Article 13: Pursuant to a petition of 10 or more legal voters, to see if the Town will vote to designate the undeveloped portion of Burnt Hill Road starting at the intersection with Cardigan Mountain Road to a distance of 1.4 miles at the entrance of the Senter Gravel Pit as scenic under the provisions of RSA231:157 and 158, for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Orange.

Moved by Sharon Proulx , 2nd Dorothy Heinrichs

Discussion: Charlie Sova asked the Road Agent to speak regarding this article. George White felt that the Town should do any necessary road improvements before it be voted as a scenic road. Once it becomes a scenic road we can't do anything. It is beautiful but very narrow, in the winter it is very difficult. In the spring it is not much better.

Bob Proulx asked what improvements he was recommending. George White said it is not wide enough. In some areas is only one car width. It can be widened but would cost a lot of money. Bob Proulx responded that Burnt Hill Road is a pure scenic road. To remove ledge to widen it would remove the scenic beauty not to mention the 50 rare species found there. He has spoken with 2 of the abutters and they both are in agreement with this article. The NH State Forest is the third abutter and Norco Corp is the last. They did not respond to the notice of the Towns' intention.

Barbara Ells asked what restriction would the Town be held to? Bob stated that the Town could not take down trees larger than 15 inches in diameter 4 feet from the ground or remove stone walls. If a tree is deemed a danger it could be removed.

George Smith said he would like to leave the road as is and widen it as far as possible with gravel. Kathy Stacy asked if the school bus used the road to carry children? Not at this time.

Charlie Sova moved the question, 2nd by Dorothy Heinrichs
Vote to move question: Passed

Vote on the article: **Passed**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of two acres of land adjacent to the Orange Town House from the Terhune Family Limited Partnership. The land will be maintained as an undeveloped natural woodland buffer around the Town House to protect and preserve its scenic and historic setting in a permanent manner. The Selectmen are authorized to execute such documents and take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this vote.

Moved by Sharon Proulx, 2nd by Don Pfaefflin

Discussion Barbara Smith asks why we want to accept property we cannot do anything with? Sharon Proulx said the taxes on the property at this time is \$14.00 as the property is in current use.

Bob Proulx said it would act as a buffer zone for the Town House. He wrote to the Terhune Family and asked if they would consider selling the Town land for this purpose. They turned around and said they would give it to the Town as a gift with these considerations. He feels that as the only Municipal Building the Town has needs this to protect it. The building of a parking lot or a tool shed etc. would only take away from the beauty of a building of such historical value.

Kathy Stacy asked if this would interfere with the drainage problem we experienced in the Town House. Charlie Sova said no that the problem was in the front.

Dorothy Heinrich said that such a gift to the Town needs to be accepted.

Charlie Sova said that there would be some expense with acquiring this property. Scott Sanborn has donated his time to survey the property for the Town

Vote on the article: **Passed**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$213,675 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Moved by Frank Giner, 2nd by Charlie Sova

Discussion: Charlie Sova presented an amendment to the article.

“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,675 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.”

Edith Sova 2nd.

Charlie explained that the Selectmen wanted to put \$3000.00 more in the Police Budget. A dispatch change last year, cost of mileage up from cost of gas, or any additional thing comes up that

would require extra attention. Andy Ware is up to date with his bill.

Stuart Smith proposed that the remaining funds in the amendment (9,000) be put into the Highway Budget. He feels that the Road Agent would be more comfortable with the extra money as the roads are not in good shape.

George White spoke to the need for the extra money. Mud season is here and the roads are terrible. They are terrible mostly because no gravel has been put on them for at least 4 years. Now most of the roads are at sub grade. Cross Road is terrible.. If I could get extra money for gravel it would be good. There are other things that are needed. Culverts need to be replaced, guard rails are in need of repair or replaced. This is now a safety factor. Frank Giner asked if we spent \$92,000 last year? Charlie said that that was correct. Most of that money was spent in the winter due to bad winter.

Frank asked what happened to the reimbursement by FEMA? Wasn't that given to us for repair of the road damage? Did we use that for road repair?. Charlie said that it was put into the general fund as the money had already been spent and the FEMA money was a reimbursement.. We spent much more last year on the winter budget than was planned so we couldn't spend it in the summer. Beverly Ells asked why we asked for less money for the highway budget than we spent last year? Obviously if we spent that much last year we will spend it this year.

Bob Proulx spoke of the history of increasing the highway budget over the last three years. George had asked the Budget Committee this year for \$30,000. The Budget Committee felt that if they gave him an increase of approximately 10,000 over the next three years it would be easier for the tax payer. The 92,000 spent last year was because it was a very unusual year. The Budget Committee felt that 92,000 wouldn't be needed this year.

Dick Jeager asked if George doesn't get to spend the full appropriation does the money stay in the highway account? Charlie said no, it reverts back to the general fund. Dick doesn't

feel that George will have a problem spending the money as he has been taking walks throughout Town and the roads are indeed in bad shape.

Nate Harpootlian asked if this is approved would that bring us up over the budget allowed?

Danny said that we have only gone up \$12,000. we are well within our allowed budget. Bob Proulx said that the \$6,000 that was put into the Capital Reserve Fund for the roof is not included in the 10% increase allowed. Frank Giner said that we have had a pretty mild winter so far. Why pay tax to raise extra money if we are going to loose it? Scott Sanborn said you don't loose it .The taxes we pay are based on what we actually use.

George Smith would like to have the \$9,000 used for gravel only. He feels that the Road Agent should ask for the best price from Richard Remacle, Hammond Gravel and Bob Senter and prepay for the gravel required. George White agreed to do this. Sophie Seece would like the Town to keep in mind the quality of the gravel. George White said that it is well known that Hammonds gravel is better and very expensive. Richard Remacle has given the Town good gravel too. Bob Senter does intend to crush gravel this spring. Richard Remacle said that he doesn't care whose gravel he delivers.

Vote to accept amendment to the article: **passed**

Vote on the amended article: **passed**

Article 16: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and pass any vote relative thereto:

Discussion: Danny Hazelton wanted to say thank you to the Scholarship Committee for that great job they did tonight with that great dinner. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen for great job in managing Town affairs. One more thank you to my staff who helps me.

Alice Smith had a response to the Auditor's Report found in this Town Report;

Regarding the item in the Town Auditor's report I would like to respond:

"We the Trustees, were under the assumption that when funds were to be expended from either the Capital Reserve Accounts, or the Trustee of Trust Funds accounts, that the Department requesting the disbursement should be the ones to provide a voucher or invoice, and copies of bills provided to show that the funds were going for the purpose intended. This is to provide a good paper trail and documentation for any funds disbursed. This is for proper record keeping and according to the State of New Hampshire Statutes.

In the past the Selectmen had presented a voucher and bill of sale, or receipts to show why these withdrawals were made. This was requested this year when a large amount (22,700.00) for the payment for the Town-wide reappraisals. This was our only disbursement from any of these accounts. In our records I have a copy of the check and a Statement from one of the Selectmen stating the purpose of this expenditure.

So, I feel that the voucher should originate in the Selectmen's Office to the Trustee of the Trust Funds. A Voucher means(a written evidence of payment, a receipt..) Also, a guarantee, or assurance of fact, to support, or uphold with evidence, and back with proof.

I have prepared some Vouchers that can be used by the Trustees if we are the ones to originate them. These forms require the signature of at least two Selectmen, and state the purpose, and other details. But, when funds are disbursed from other departments vouchers do originate from the Selectmen's Office.

This statement is in no way a criticism of any of the Selectmen or Auditors, as I have great respect for them and all that they do for the Town of Orange. This is expressed for the sole purpose of clarifying this matter, so that each department is in compliance with State statutes. Trustees are held accountable for their actions, and we want to keep accurate records."

Respectfully submitted by:

Alice Smith, Trustee of Trust Funds, Bookkeeper
March 14, 2006

Article 17: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant..

Bob Proulx suggested that next year we mail the Town Report to residents to make sure everyone gets one a few days before the Town Meeting.

Danny asked for a show of hands if in agreement The townspeople feel that this would be a good idea. **This is a non-binding .vote.**

Barbara Smith asked about the document preservation progress? Scott Sanborn said that 3 of the oldest books are in the hands of Brown River Preservation from Vermont. They should be back here by early June.

Dorothy Heinrich thanked the Planning Board and Natural Resource Committee for all their hard work.

Charlie Sova asked the Moderator to appoint a 3 to 5 member committee to investigate a “pay as you throw” rubbish removal plan.

Gary Hamel presented to the Town 4 new art pieces he found and purchased, done by Ted Goud, who lived on “Topsfield” many years ago. There are 3 photographs and one postcard. The Town thanked Gary for his generosity.

Article 18: Polls shall not close earlier than 8 o’clock in the evening.

Discussion: Barbara Smith asked why the polls couldn’t be closed at seven o’clock. Charlie said that the polls needed to be open at least 9 hours. If we closed at 7pm we would have to open at 10 am. It was decided that it should be left as is

Vote the article: **passed**

Town Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Patricia White,
Town Clerk
Town of Orange

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